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25X1 Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, called and said that at the request of Senator Russell they would like the Agency to conduct a security review of a particular sensitive document. The review is to be conducted on a strictly informal advisory basis. I told Woodruff we would be happy to do this and he is to let me know when it is available. He added that it would be necessary to conduct the review in a 24 hour period. 25X1 Mr. Woodruff indicated that he would be in the area on the weekend of 1 November through 4 November and asked if we could "set something up for him" on either the first or the fourth. I told Woodruff that I was sure that we could, that I would check to see which of these days would appear to be better and I would be back in touch with him. Mr. Goodwin advised that Bill Carpenter 25X1 had contacted him about a letter the Department of State had received from Senator George Murphy. The letter transmits a constituent inquiry which is critical of the State Department, the Agency and the Administration with regard to the recent Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. The inquiry quotes from an Intelligence Digest article which is critical of U.S. handling of the Czech crisis. A copy of State's proposed reply to Senator Murphy has been made available to Mr. Goodwin who had no objection and suggested that we might provide Senator Murphy with some selected news items commenting favorably on the role which intelligence played in this situation. 25X1 Hand carried to George Murphy, on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, biographic data on Rear Murphy 25X1 continued to be critical of the lack of cooperation he has received from 25X1 the Executive Branch in obtaining any information regarding the He said he has been in touch with the State 25X1 Department, DIA, AEC and ourselves and has received virtually no assistance, however. My meeting with Murphy lasted for over an hour but I repeated our previous position that the Department of Defense was the agency of primary responsibility on NATO matters of this sort. Murphy made it clear that when the Director appears before the Joint Committee for his annual briefing early next year he will be questioned in depth on this situation. He also inferred that the Committee might be

writing to us requesting a formal response

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